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WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) announced that the Otter Lake Fire Company in Forestport would be receiving \$1,126,431 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Bill) funding from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in order to construct a new fire station. Otter Lake has been seeking to replace its existing firehouse for over ten years.

"I am pleased that the Otter Lake Fire Company will receive these Recovery Bill funds to construct a new, state-of-the-art fire station," **Arcuri said**. "Many of our rural fire departments find themselves with the latest equipment, but housed in a station house that is out-dated and obsolete. This funding will be used to construct a new firehouse that is capable of accommodating modern firefighting equipment necessary to ensure the safety of area residents."

The Fire Station Construction Grant program is a competitive grant program, created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Bill), that provides funding assistance directly to fire departments on a competitive basis to build or renovate fire stations in order for departments to enhance their response capability and protect the community they serve from fire and fire-related hazards. These grants will replace unsafe or uninhabitable structures and expand fire protection coverage in compliance with National Fire Protection Association standards.

Arcuri wrote a letter of support on behalf of the Fire Company. [Click Here](#) to view a copy of the letter.

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